

Weight average of 16 eggs 3.796 g. (own weights).

Size:—Intermediate between those of Gadwall, *A. strepera*, and Smew, *Mergus albellus*. Average measurements of 21 eggs, 53.91 × 39.23 mm. (Rey's).

Grain of shell, coarse in appearance and touch, similar to the eggs of the Smew and Blue-winged Teal, *Querquedula discors*.

To support his description Mr. Bunyard exhibited mounted specimens of down and feathers of all the genus *Nyroca*, with the exception of the Red-crested Pochard, *N. rufina*; also eggs of the following species, which have the type-eggs white to buff:—Velvet Scoter, Goosander, Sheld-drake, Red-breasted Merganser, Harlequin Duck, Wigeon, Hooded Merganser, Gadwall, White-eyed Pochard, Smew, Buffel-headed Duck, Green-winged Teal, Teal, Garganey, and Blue-winged Teal. These were arranged in their respective sizes and varying shades of colour.

Mr. CHARLES CHUBB sent the following descriptions of new forms of South-American birds:—

*Planesticus fredericki*, sp. nov.

*Adult*. Allied to *P. fumigatus fumigatus*, but differs in being dark ochreous brown on the top of the head, entire back, upper tail-coverts, and outer aspect of wing, instead of cinnamon-brown, the inner webs of the flight-quills darker and inclining to blackish brown, the tail sooty-brown instead of cinnamon-brown, the throat white, the breast and sides of the body bright fawn-colour instead of golden brown, and the smaller measurements.

Total length 195 mm., exposed culmen 17, wing 105, tail 76, tarsus 30.

*Hab.* British Guiana.

The type, which is in the McConnell collection, was collected at Bartica in 1911.

*Planesticus fumigatus abariensis*, subsp. nov.

*Adult*. Differs from typical *P. fumigatus fumigatus* from

Brazil in having the upper surface, including the head, sides of face, back, wings, and tail chocolate-brown instead of cinnamon-brown, in being darker on the throat, the breast, abdomen, sides of body, and under tail-coverts dull umber-brown, not golden brown, and the axillaries and under wing-coverts dull rufous, instead of orange-rufous.

Total length 214 mm., exposed culmen 18, wing 120, tail 92, tarsus 33.

*Hab.* British Guiana.

The type, which is in the McConnell collection, was collected on the Abary River in September 1906.

*Planesticus fumigatus ochro-fulvescens*, subsp. nov.

*Adult.* Differs from typical *P. fumigatus fumigatus* from Brazil in being pale ochreous brown on the top of the head, sides of the face, back, wings, and tail, instead of cinnamon-brown, the breast, abdomen, and sides of body ochreous, instead of golden brown, and the under wing-coverts paler orange-rufous.

Total length 230 mm., exposed culmen 17, wing 111, tail 88, tarsus 30.

*Hab.* Trinidad and Venezuela.

The type, which is in the British Museum (Cavendish Taylor Bequest), was collected at Trinidad in January 1863.

The evening was chiefly devoted to an exhibition of lantern-slides.

Miss E. L. TURNER showed several slides of Hickling Broad and its neighbourhood, illustrating the localities where her best known work had been done. Photographs were shown of the launching of her tiny aquatic home, the 'Water Rail,' and of the various Broadsmen who have helped her since 1901. The bird illustrations included a series of Swans and their young, Great Crested Grebe, and Reeve.

Miss MAUD D. HAVILAND exhibited some beautiful slides. The first was from a camera lucida drawing from a magnified